

November 19, 2007

Dear 5B Parents,

In our novel study, My Side of the Mountain, the character (Sam) must use resources to solve problems and invent new things. Our class has begun an integrated unit about inventions, which will conclude with an "Invention Convention" in our classroom. This unit is working on problem-solving skills through authentic assignments.

During the unit, students will be graded on these assignments:

- Report on an inventor (English grade) Turned in on November 19th
 - Analysis of an owner's manual (Reading) Completed in class on November 20th
 - Analysis of an order form (Math) In class on November 26th
 - Writing an owner's manual (English) Rough draft due Dec 3rd, final copy due Dec 7th
 - Designing an order form (Math) Completed in Computer Class Nov 27th & 29th
 - Invention /New Method (Science) To be completed at home, turned in on Dec 11th
- (Students will use household items to construct this invention or a model of the invention/method)

Students will be given a checklist or rubric to show how they will be graded on each assignment. If you have any questions that are not clearly explained by the grading method, feel free to contact me at school or via email.

Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm as you support our developing inventors and problem-solvers!

Thanksgiving wishes,